

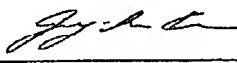
PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

In re the application of: Yamamoto et al.
 Application No: 10/735,331
 Filed: December 12, 2003
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 Lymph Node Using Contrast Imaging
 for Identification

Attorney Docket No. MNOAP004
 Examiner: Ramirez, John Fernando
 Art Unit: 3737

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 OF THIS APPLICATION

Applicant contends that the above-referenced patent application is not in fact abandoned (i.e., the response to the Office Action was timely filed and fee for Extension of Time, if any, was timely paid). Applicant believes the enclosed evidence is sufficient to establish that the response to the Office Action was timely filed and fee for Extension of Time, if any, was timely paid.

The Response to the Office Action was due on December 5, 2007. The enclosed evidence establishes that the Response and the fee for Extension of Time, if any, were timely filed on March 5, 2008. Enclosed are:
 (1) Copy of the Response/Amendment (4 pages) containing the Certificate of Mailing as mailed on March 5, 2008; and
 (2) Copy of Return Receipt Postcard received from the PTO indicating receipt of the Amendment Transmittal (1 page);
 Amendment (4 pages); Credit Card Payment Form (1 page) and postcard as mailed on March 5, 2008.

Applicant believes that no fees or (additional) Extension of Time is required. However, if it is determined that any such fee or extension of time is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension of time be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1217 (Order No. MNOAP004).

If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1217 (Order No. MNOAP004).

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